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KANSAS BULLETIN NO. KS 300-15-45

SUBJECT: LTP—EQIP Technical Assistance Implementation Pilot

Action required by field offices: September 30, 2015

Purpose: To provide guidance on obtaining the five percent required goal on implementing practices for prior year contracts

Expiration Date: September 30, 2016

Background

The purpose of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) technical assistance (TA) pilot is to increase practice implementation of prior year contract items by a minimum of five percent.

All funds allocated to the EQIP TA pilot must be exclusively used for that purpose only. In order to track the funds, field offices (FOs) need to charge to the DC-SL-EQIP TA Pilot fund code in Web Based Total Cost Accounting system (WebTCAS) as illustrated below.

Only practices planned and applied in fiscal year (FY) 2015 under prior year contracts count toward this goal. Please be aware practices in FY2015 contracts do not count toward this goal. The prior-year implementation total has been defined as the number of completed practices that were scheduled for implementation in FY2015 from contracts that were obligated prior to FY2015. This includes practices modified from prior years to be implemented in FY2015. Simply, any practice that has been planned in FY2015 from all contract years except FY2015 contracts counts toward this goal.

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A report will come out biweekly to all areas with the progress being made toward the five percent goal. In Kansas, the five percent goal is a total of 1,992 practices in prior year contracts that need to be implemented.

Contract modifications may be required to bring planned items in calendar years 2014 or older into compliance. Modifications should adhere to program policy in Title 440 Conservation Programs Manual, Part 512.

NOTE: States that fail to meet their minimum five percent goal will jeopardize receiving additional funds for special projects and initiatives in the state. It is imperative that FOs target practice application assistance toward reaching the five percent goal. A listing of practices that will be attributed to the goal if applied this FY can be found on the [Programs SharePoint](#).

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